GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA

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PROMOTING OF TRADITIONAL INDIAN GAMES
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to promote the traditional Indian games and sports in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS(DR. M. S. GILL)

(a) & (b): The existing schemes of Government of India and Sports Authority of India (SAI) lay adequate focus on the promotion of traditional and indigenous games such as Archery, Chess, Kho-Kho, Tug of War, Kabaddi, Wrestling etc.

(c) The Government has recently launched a national programme titled Panchayat Yuva Krida Aur Khel Ahiyan (PYKKA), which aims at providing basic sports infrastructure in all villages and block panchayats in a phased manner over a period of 10 years and access to organized sports competitions at village and block panchayat level. The scheme lays special emphasis on promotion of traditional and indigenous games.